



MAIL STOP  
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A.D. Dupree et al. Attorney Docket No.: GGPL122090  
Application No.: 10/733,827 Art Unit: 3677 / Confirmation No.: 2173  
Filed: December 11, 2003 Examiner: R.C. Rodriguez  
Title: COUPLING DEVICE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 3, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	-	20	=	3	x	25	=	75
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	100	=	200
TOTAL									\$275

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 4, 2005, set to expire on January 4, 2006, be extended by 1 month, to expire on February 4, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$60.

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01 FC:2202 75.00 OP  
02 FC:2201 200.00 OP

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03 FC:2251 60.00 OP

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 168825 in the amount of \$335 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 2/3/2006

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